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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant request the Examiner to make of record the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form. In accordance with MPEP 609, the Examiner is requested to initial each document listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form in the space provided, make a copy of the initialed form, and return the copy to Applicants' attorney.

The documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form came to Applicant's attorney's attention as a result of an International Search Report (copy enclosed) for the PCT patent application corresponding to the above application.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no closer art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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Docket No. 0335
S.N. 10/660,316

This paper and the enclosed documents are being submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3), i.e., prior to a first Office Action on the merits. Moreover, this paper and the enclosed documents are being submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c)(1). Applicant states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement. Therefore, no fee is believed to be due.

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| Application Number | 10/660,316 | | | | |
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| Date of mailing (day/month/year) | 11 FEB 2005 |
| Applicant's or agent's file reference DUR-0335PCT | FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below |
| International application No. PCT/US04/29547 | International filing date (day/month/year) 09 September 2004 (09.09.2004) |
| Applicant DURO DESIGNER COMPANY, INC. | |

1. The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority have been established and are transmitted herewith.

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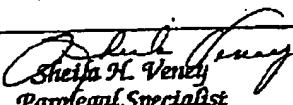
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(See notes on accompanying sheet)

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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| Applicant's or agent's file reference DUR-0335PCT | FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below. | |
| International application No. PCT/USDA/29547 | International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 09 September 2004 (09.09.2004) | (Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 11 September 2003 (11.09.2003) |
| Applicant DURO DESIGNER COMPANY, INC. | | |

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US04/29547

Box IV TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

A product carrying and storage device that comprises a bag (10) with handles (12) and a bag topper device (Fig. 4A; 30) with handle openings in which contents are placed into the bag and the topper device is then guided onto the handles of the bag to protect and insulate the interior contents.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/US04/29547

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : B31B 1/85
US CL : 493/226

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
U.S. : 493/226, 227, 239, 225, 223.
383/21, 6, 25.

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category * | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. |
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| X | US 2,992,768 A (GATWARD) 18 July 1961 (18.07.1961), See Figs. 3 and 4. | 1-11 |
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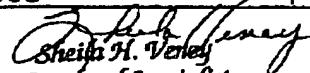
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